

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-8 are pending in the application and are the subject of a requirement for restriction.

Responsive to the examiner's requirement for restriction, applicants elect the subject matter of claims 1-6 directed to an article. This response is made with traverse to the extent that non-elected method claims (for producing the article) 7 and 8 may be rejoined once the article claims are allowed or allowable.

Please examine the elected claims taking into account the Information Disclosure Statement of record filed February 20, 2004 and also the one filed concurrently with this response. The concurrently filed IDS cites documents of record in co-pending application Serial No. 10/768,192 filed February 2, 2004. Among these documents is published U.S. application U.S. 2003/0224242 A1. Claim 1 is above amended to exclude the dried coating method which is the subject of this document.

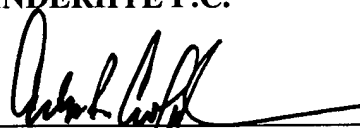
As additional matters, counsel notes that the application was filed with seven sheets of drawings yet the Office Action Summary makes no comment on the drawings as to their acceptance or not. Also, please note that a certified copy of the priority document was filed on June 14, 2004. In due course acknowledgement of receipt of this document is requested.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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